

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

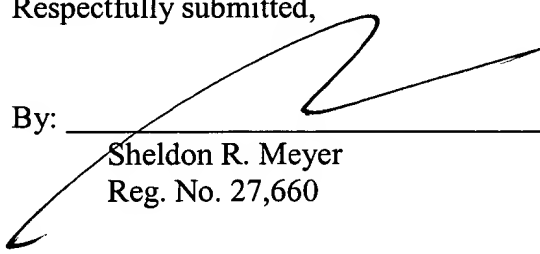
The office action rejected claims 1-9 and 15-34 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's admitted prior art (preamble of Jepson-type claims 33 and 34) in view of Finley et al. (US 5,799,509), rejected claims 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's admitted prior art in view of Finley et al. (US 5,799,509) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Kumada et al. (US 5,405,445).

Regarding the rejection of claims 1-13 and 15-34 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's admitted prior art (preamble of Jepson-type claims 33 and 34) in view of Finley and Kumada, applicant has canceled the claims 33 and 34 to overcome the examiner's rejection. Further, applicant submit that the preamble Jepson-type claims 33 and 34 describe applicant's own current work, and thus is exempt against the claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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